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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No.: 4277
Inventor: Masao OCHI et al.
Title: Filtration Apparatus

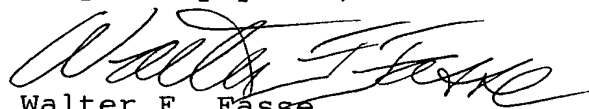
Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
 - a) 11 pages of specification; 6 claims, 1 independent;
14 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 4, 5A, 5B, 6 to 10, 11A, 11B, 12) on 10
sheet of formal drawings;
an abstract;
1 return receipt postcard;
 - b) Declaration, Power of Attorney;
 - c) Form PTO-2038 (\$780.00) to cover the filing fee **and** the fee
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 - d) an Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and one copy of the
Assignment for Recordal; and
 - e) an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449,
4 references.
- 2) This application has been assigned to:

Assignee: KURABO INDUSTRIES LTD.
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The Assignment is being submitted herewith for Recordal.
- 3) The Priority of earlier applications:
No. 2000-368667, filed on December 4, 2000 in Japan; and
No. 2001-331192, filed on October 29, 2001 in Japan
are hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please
acknowledge the priority claim.
- 4) The Priority Documents will follow.
- 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
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Very truly yours,


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